

Environment Committee
Public Testimony
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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 5583

Good Morning Co-Chairs Senator Kennedy, Representative Albis; Vice Chairs Senator Moore, Representative Arconti; Ranking Members Senator Chapin, Representative Shaban; and esteemed members of the committee. My name is Barbara Jesudowich and I am writing in SUPPORT of HOUSE BILL 5583 - AN ACT CONCERNING AN AGREEMENT REGARDING ANNUAL WATER LEVEL DRAW DOWNS AT BASHAN LAKE IN THE TOWN OF EAST HADDAM.

I have enjoyed Bashan Lake for more than 60 years. Bashan Lake has been identified as the cleanest lake in Connecticut for more years than I can remember. The previous dam project has been the cause of a significant invasive weed problem. I spent many weekends this past summer and fall spraying phragmites and pulling out weeds from my water front area. Many of the lake property owners donated money to All Habitat Services, a company that treated the weed problem.

Senator Kennedy and Representative Albis, thank you for visiting the lake this past summer. I hope it can return to its pristine, clean, former state.

Please pass House Bill 5583.

Thank you
Barbara Jesudowich